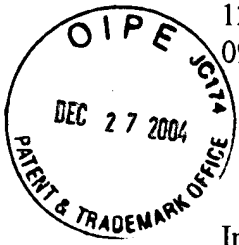


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

SIR:

In response to the office action of July 26, 2004, Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time, extending the period of response up to and including December 27, 2004 (December 26 being a Sunday). The Office is authorized to charge Kenyon and Kenyon's Deposit Account 11-0600 for the fee for this extension of time. Applicants request entry of the following amendments and request reconsideration of the present application.